

CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method of making a container, comprising

forming a cover with a front hingedly connected to a spine by a first fold line, said spine hingedly connected to a back by a second fold line,

forming a tray with a front, a spine and a back separably attached to one another, along respective lines of weakness between said tray front and tray spine and between said tray spine and said tray back,

applying adhesive to said tray, and placing said tray on said cover, and

thereafter, prior to fixation of said tray to said cover by said adhesive, closing said cover and allowing said adhesive to cure.

Claim 2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, further comprising forming said lines of weakness by perforating.

Claim 4. (new) A method for the manufacture of a container comprising the steps of

providing a cover of a sheet material, said cover having first and second opposite, substantially parallel, side edges and second and third opposite, substantially parallel, side edges defining a first perimetral geometry and dimension of said cover,

first and second fold lines defining an elongated spine intermediate said first and second side edges and extending substantially between said third and second side edges and substantially parallel with said first and second side edges, thereby defining first and second panels hingedly associated with respective opposite sides of said

spine along respective ones of said fold lines, each of said first and second panels including a generally flat surface,

providing a tray having a second perimetral geometry and dimension which is complementary to said first perimetral geometry of said cover and of a perimetral dimension which is less than said first perimetral dimension of said cover, said tray including a spine and first and second portions thereof defined on opposite sides of said spine and hingedly associated with said spine,

disposing said tray in overlying relationship to said cover with said spines of said cover and said tray being aligned with one another and with said tray being substantially centered with respect to said underlying cover,

interposing an adhesive between said cover and said overlying tray,

prior to curing of said adhesive, simultaneously folding said cover and said tray about their respective hinge line interconnections with their respective spines whereby said first and second side portions of said tray move in a direction outwardly from said overlying spines,

maintaining said cover and said tray in said folded relationship at least until said adhesive is cured to the extent that unfolding of said cover and tray does not displace said tray panels relative to said underlying panels of said cover.

Claim 5. (new) A method of manufacturing a container comprising the steps of

providing a cover of a sheet material having a first perimetral dimension and a substantially centrally located spine,

providing a tray having a second perimetral dimension which is complementary with, but smaller than, said first perimetral dimension, and a substantially centrally located spine,

disposing said sheet material in an attitude for the receipt of said tray in overlying relationship thereto,

disposing said tray in overlying relationship to said cover with said tray being oriented substantially centrally of said cover and having its spine overlying and aligned with said cover spine,

interposing an adhesive between said cover and said overlying tray,

prior to curing of said adhesive, simultaneously folding said cover and said overlying tray about their respective hinge line interconnections with their respective spines whereby said first and second side portions of said receptacle move in a direction outwardly from said overlying spines,

maintaining said cover and said tray in said folded relationship at least until said adhesive is cured to the extent that unfolding of said cover and tray does not displace said tray relative to said cover.

Claim 6. (new) The method of claim 5 wherein said outward movement of said first and second side portions of said tray align at least one of their respective side edges with a corresponding side edge of said cover.

Claim 7. (new) The method of claim 6 and including the step of reducing the tensile strength of said hinge interconnections of said first and second side portions of said tray to said tray spine to a value sufficiently less than the tensile strength of said spine and said first and second side portions of said tray to the extent that when said folded cover and tray are unfolded following curing of said adhesive, said hinge interconnections at least partially rupture, thereby permitting said cover to swing to its original unfolded position without inward movement of said first and second side portions of said tray relative to said first and second side panels of said cover.

Claim 8. (new). The method of claim 7 wherein said tensile strength reduction is accomplished by perforations aligned with one another along said hinged interconnections of said first and second side portions of said tray to said tray spine.

Claim 9. (new). The method of Claim 5 wherein unfolding of said folded tray and cover effects physical disengagement of at least substantial portions of said first and second tray portions from respective sides of said tray spine.

Claim 10. (new). The method of Claim 9 wherein said physical separation develops a open gap between said spine and each of said first and second portions of said tray.

Claim 11. (new). The method of Claim 10 wherein said gap is about 1/16 inch.